STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-984

Application of John Benoit for an Amended	
Certificate of Public Good for an interconnected net-)
metered photovoltaic electrical power system	

Order entered: 8/2/2011

I. Introduction

This case involves an application filed by John Benoit ("Applicant"), on May 5, 2011, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system. On May 27, 2010, the Board issued a CPG to the Applicant for a net metering system consisting of a roof-mounted photovoltaic system with a system-rated capacity of 20.976 kW AC. On October 6, 2010, the Board issued an Amended CPG to the Applicant to reflect the addition of a pole-mounted photovoltaic system with a system-rated capacity of 3.8 kW AC. The Applicant is now seeking a further amendment to the CPG that would void the October 6, 2010, amendment, thereby removing the 3.8 kW AC of capacity, and adding 11.4 kW AC of pole-mounted photovoltaic capacity. The newly proposed total capacity for the system would be 32.376 kW AC.

Notice of the application has been sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) working days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

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II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

- 1. The proposed net metering project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at 12 Isabel Circle in Montpelier, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
- 2. The proposed net metering facility is to be erected on a new structure. Application at Section 4.
- 3. The proposed project consists of a pole-mounted photovoltaic electrical generation system with a system-rated output of 11.4 kW AC. This would be in addition to the previously-approved system with a system-rated output of 20.976 kW AC, bringing the Applicant's total approved capacity to 32.376 kW AC. The facility is interconnected with the Green Mountain Power Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachment.
- 4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Section 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8.
- 5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. Conclusion

In Docket No. 6181,¹ the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100 on March 1, 2001. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

^{1.} Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

It Is Hereby Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed photovoltaic net metering system, as amended and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

Dated at Montpe	lier, Vermont, this	s <u>2nd</u> day o	f August , 2011.
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s/ James Volz)	
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s/ David C. Coen)	Board
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s/ John D. Burke)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 2, 2011

Attest: s/ Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.